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Maryland's Parole and Probation Agents Will Be Honored During Parole, Probation, and Community Supervision Week July 18-24

***Media invited to "ride along" with warrant squad, spend "a day in the life
of an agent," and hear a unique drunken driving presentation***

TOWSON, MD (July 9, 2004)---Maryland's more than 800 agents in the Division of Parole and Probation will be honored for their hard work during national Parole, Probation, and Community Supervision Week, July 18-24, 2004. The Division of Parole and Probation supervises more than 66,000 people in communities across Maryland, with 49 offices located from Oakland to Ocean City. Though not often recognized by the general public, the agents' commitment to public safety is much appreciated by its supervisory agency, the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and by law enforcement statewide.

Opportunities for the media during July 18-24 include a ride-along with the DPP Warrant Apprehension Unit; a chance to hear a unique dollars-and-sense "cost of drunken driving" seminar offered by DPP's Drinking Driver Monitor Program; and the opportunity to document a "day in the life" of a hard-working agent. Reporters may also interview Judith Sachwald, the Director of the Division of Parole and Probation.

Members of the media interested in these opportunities should please contact Elizabeth Bartholomew or Mark Vernarelli at the numbers listed above. Also, please visit our web site: www.dpscs.state.md.us, click on "Agencies and Offices," and scroll down to the Division of Parole and Probation link for a history of parole and probation and an overview of this critical public safety component.

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